

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read Letters from the Churches.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Invite visiting Ministers of our faith to seats with u s.
4. Call for Correspondence.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Appoint Standing Committees, viz: On Devotion,
Missions, Sabbath Schools, Finance, Temperance,
Education, Publication, Deceased Ministers, Nom-
inations, Documents and Treasurer's Report.
7. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
8. Call for report of Executive Committee.
9. Call for report of Treasurer.
10. Appoint Correspondents.
11. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
12. Elect Delegates to Alabama Baptist Convention.
13. Appoint District Meetings.
14. Call for Reports of Standing Committees.
15. Provide for Printing and Distribution of Minutes.
16. Miscellaneous Business.

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MINUTES.

The sixth session of Marshall Association convened at Bethany church on Friday, October 20, 1893. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder I. M. Thompson from John 3:30, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

After a recess of one hour reassembled and opened with prayer by Elder W. Y. Adams, and elected I. M. Thompson Moderator pro. tem.

Letters from the churches were read by brethren W. Y. Adams, Isaac Windsor and A. V. Britton.

Enrolled names of delegates as follows:

Albertville—Elder W. M. Scarbrough, L. S. Emmet.
A. V. Britton, J. R. McKinny, L. T. Walker.

Bethany—J. A. Teal, J. S. Robertson, J. L. Hill.

Bethsaida—J. F. Roberts, G. B. Thomas, A. L. Bruce.
Beulah—J. J. Bishop, Wm. Frazier, G. M. Milner,

G. M. Hays.

Blue Spring—W. D. Kimbrough, W. T. Laron.

Clear Spring—S. F. Smith, W. D. Brown.

Concord—Elder W. S. Hopkins, J. L. Hopkins.

Ebenezer—J. A. Thacker, J. F. Thompson.

Gilliam Spring—W. L. Camp, J. W. Rigsby, S. M. Hippis.

Guntersville—G. F. Arnett.

High Point—Elder N. C. Durham, Elder I. M. Thompson, J. L. Scarbrough.

Hopewell—J. R. Nix, Elder J. E. Bagwell, N. N. Isom.

Hulaco—Not Represented.

Lystra—Not Represented.

Mt. Hebron—W. A. Phillips, Elder L. M. Teal.

Mt. Olive—Kans Buchanan, J. A. Tidmore, G. H. Duran.

Mt. Vernon—Elder Isaac Windsor, J. P. Gillespie, Jos. Creel, J. K. Bradberry.

Mt. Zion—Elder M. F. Owens, D. M. Scarbrough, W. B. Orr.

New Canaan (Cullman)—Rev. J. W. Brown.

New Canaan (Morgan)—G. W. Thomas, W. R. Young, W. F. Crier.

New Macedonia—Elder R. W. Roe, John R. Mayo.

New Friendship—J. E. Cannon, J. E. Owen, R. C. Thompson.

New Salem—W. M. Briscoe.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Lee, Frank Lang, Smith Lang, W. E. Griffin.

Pleasant Hill (Etowah)—E. Tidwell, Henry Fowler.

Pleasant Hill (Blount)—J. M. Brown, W. R. Parker,
J. L. Copeland.

Rehoboth—Preston Rogers, J. D. Smith.

Rock Spring—J. Y. Moultrie, Elder W. J. Collier,
W. H. Lyon, W. C. Goodwin.

Roswell Creek—E. P. Barnett.

Shady Grove—J. E. Taylor, J. E. James, J. D. Mc-
Henry.

Shiloh—John H. Haley.

Shoal Creek—N. P. Clark, J. A. King.

Union—H. G. Simmons, J. C. Jones.

Elected R. W. Roe, Moderator, and G. M. Milner,
Clerk.

Suspended order of business and appointed devo-
tional committee as follows: John Pritchett, J. M. Brown
and delegates of Bethany church. Resumed order of
business. Invited visiting ministers of our faith to seats
with us.

Called for correspondence and received from the
Etowah Association Elder W. Y. Adams and Elder S. R.
McClung; from the Cullman Association Elder W. C.
Eidson and C. W. Whaley; and from Warrior River As-
sociation Elder J. A. May.

Called for petitionary letters and received the follow-
ing newly constituted churches and their delegates:
Phillipi, Etowah county, G. W. Bruce and Isaac Daniel.
Union Grove, three miles north of Albertville, W. J. Davis
and S. J. Lowe. From Mt. Carmel Association, Mt. Tabor
church and delegates, J. M. Black, Sr., and J. L. Briscoe,
and Bethel church and delegates, J. F. Kennamer and C.
C. Haney. From Warrior River Association, Warrior
Creek church and delegates, R. S. Richardson, J. T. Wal-
lace and E. G. Maze.

Filled vacancies on committees appointed at last As-
sociation by the following appointments: On Missions
I. M. Thompson, on Sunday Schools J. L. Scarbrough,
on Publication I. Windsor, on Finance L. S. Emmet, W.
D. Kimbrough and G. F. Arnett, on Nominations Jos.
Creel and J. W. Rigsby.

Committee on devotion reported preaching to-night
by Elder W. Y. Adams, followed by Elder Isaac Windsor.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by
Elder J. A. May.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises
led by Elder W. M. Scarbrough. Read and adopted
minutes of yesterday.

Appointed committees as follows: On deceased min-
isters—W. C. Goodwin, J. W. Rigsby and J. R. Mayo.
On documents—N. P. Clark, D. M. Scarbrough and S. F.
Smith. On treasurer's report—J. J. Bishop, J. P. Gil-
lespie and J. E. Cannon.

The Moderator announced the following committees for the session of 1894:

On Missions—N. P. Clark, N. C. Denham, J. M. Brown.

On Sabbath Schools—J. L. Scarbrough, I. M. Thompson, J. J. Bishop.

On Finance—L. S. Emmet, J. P. Gillespie, J. R. Mayo.

On Temperance—W. M. Scarbrough, John Pritchett, Joseph Creel.

On Education—W. D. Kimbrough, Isaac Windsor, W. D. Brown.

On Publication—A. V. Britton, J. E. Bagwell, W. A. Phillips.

On Deceased Ministers—L. M. Teal, W. S. Hopkins, W. C. Goodwin.

Appointed the following committee to re-district the Association: N. P. Clark, W. H. Lyons, I. M. Thompson, G. W. Thomas and J. E. Bagwell.

The executive committee made the following report, which was adopted:

We, the executive committee of Marshall Association beg leave to make our annual report: Calling on our treasurer we found in his hands \$75.42 for association missions. Then the question came as to the best plan for using these funds, and after reasoning together and talking with several of our brethren of this Association, and finding that we have several small churches that were not in a condition to pay their pastors the amount they should have as compensation for their services, have thought best to distribute these funds to as many of our smaller churches as we possibly could, and made appropriations as follows:

Brother W. M. Scarbrough at Mt. Zion church.....	\$10.00
Brother N. C. Denham, destitution in Big Sp'g val.	10.00
Brother N. C. Denham at High Point church.....	3.10
Brother I. M. Thompson at Rehoboth church.....	10.00
Brother R. W. Roe at New Macedonia church.....	10.00
Brother G. M. Milner at Union Grove church.....	10.00
Brother W. Y. Adams at Guntersville church.....	10.00
Brother F. M. Williams at New Canaan church....	4.00
Brother J. A. Oden at Roswell Creek church.....	4.00
Brother G. W. Miller, clerk of Shiloh church.....	4.00
Postage.....	.40
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Total.....	\$75.50

Now, dear brethren, we have in our best judgment done for the best, and hope that it may meet your approval and prove a blessing to all interested. Yours in Christ,

L. S. EMMET,
Chairman Ex. Com.

Received Elder A. Dorman as a visitor from Warrior River Association.

Suspended order of business and heard and adopted the following report on Education:

We, your committee, submit the following report: Dear brethren, there is a great responsibility resting upon us as a Christian denomination in regard to molding the character of the rising generation. It is necessary for the youths of our country to be truly educated, that their minds may be fully developed and a true Christian character established.

We realize that those who have the responsibility of church and government will soon have passed out of this world into an endless eternity, and that their places must be filled by the youths of our land. Therefore we ought to see to it that the youths of our land are truly educated, in order that they may be fully prepared to further the cause of Christianity when the sun of our pilgrimage shall have gone down behind the western skies. We realize that our common schools are not what they ought to be by far, yet we are glad to say that our people are beginning to arouse themselves from their dormant state and are establishing and maintaining better schools.

Furthermore, we are glad to say that a great many of our teachers are Christian ladies and gentlemen, and we trust that ere long all our schools will be supplied with such teachers.

In conclusion we call especial attention to the education of our girls. They have been neglected and we urge that the Baptists of this country educate their girls as well as their boys. Furthermore, we call especial attention and recommend to our people the Howard, Judson and Walnut Grove colleges and our other denominational institutions. Respectfully submitted,

A. V. BRITTON, Chairman.

The above report was discussed by brethren W. Y. Adams and W. M. Scarbrough, who emphasized the importance of female education; by Joe Collier, who urged the importance of Christian educators; and by Brother Isaac Windsor, who encouraged self-reliance and perseverance in efforts for an education.

Adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock, by Brother S. R. McClung. Text: "His leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Ps. 1-3.

At 1.30 o'clock resumed the business of the session. Continued the suspension of the regular order of business to hear report of committee on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted and afterwards rescinded.

Resumed order of business and heard treasurer's report.

G. M. Milner, Treasurer, in account with Marshall Association:

DR.	1892.	CR.	1892.
Oct. 22 to cash on hand last report.	\$ 44.30	Oct 23 by cash to state miss'n board	\$ 78.96
Oct 23 to cash rec'd at Association from finance committee	123.76	Dec 12 by cash to J H Ragan.....	17.41
Oct 23 to cash collected for Missionary Education for Rev I Windsor	4.00	By cash for printing minutes.....	19.00
Oct 23 Sunday's collection	20.00	By cash clerk's fees.....	15.00
Oct 29 collected f r J H Ragan.....	17.44	By cash to Rev I Windsor.....	11.50
1893 From L M Teal for I Windsor	1.50	By cash paid as per report executive committee.....	75.50
From J P Gillespie.....	1.00	Total..	\$217.40
From G M Milner.....	5.00		
Total.....	\$217.02		

NOTE.—I reserved \$1.25 of minute fund for postage, but finding it cost less, paid it myself and put the \$1.25 into mission fund. G. M. MILNER, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

In lieu of appointing correspondents to sister associations adopted the following standing resolution:

That any member of this body who may be present at any sister association with which we correspond, may, by presenting a copy of these minutes, be recognized as our correspondent.

Re-elected L. S. Emmet, J. C. Jones and W. H. Lyons executive committee.

Re-elected G. M. Milner clerk.

Elected delegates to Baptist State Convention—Elder W. M. Scarbrough, M. D. and L. S. Emmet.

Elected as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention Brother A. V. Britton; alternate Rev. Isaac Windsor.

Adopted report of Finance Committee. (See Financial Exhibit).

Adopted the following report on Nominations:

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: To preach the introductory sermon Brother W. M. Scarbrough; alternate Brother W. J. Collier. The missionary sermon Brother G. M. Milner, alternate Brother M. K. Taylor. Sabbath School address Brother Isaac Windsor, alternate Brother W. S. Hopkins. Respectfully submitted, J. C. JONES, Chairman.

Received the following report of committee on temperance:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the committee on temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

We believe the evils of intemperance are plain before the eyes of all intelligent people, and we urge that our members abstain from the use of all intoxicants as a beverage. We believe that intemperance causes more trouble in our churches than any one evil with which we have to contend. We find that almost all denominations are taking this great Bible truth to heart, not only introducing it in the churches but enforcing its principles around the fireside. Now let us as Baptists rise as a unit

against this evil that is burying hundreds of our race annually and filling our land with widows and orphans. Brethren, may God help us to persuade all men to live soberly. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HALEY, Chairman.

Pending the discussion of the report on temperance adjourned till 8:30 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by G. M. Milner. Preaching at night by Elder W. M. Scarbrough.

SUNDAY 8:30 O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Elder S. R. McClung.

The report on temperance was interestingly discussed by a number of brethren and adopted.

Heard the following report on Publications:

Your committee on publications submit the following report: 1st. We recommend the continuous reading of the Bible, because it is the inestimable gift of God to man, and if believed and practiced it will be a waybill and comfort through life, and will finally lead to glory and to God. 2d. We recommend that all parents encourage their children in every way possible to acquire a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. This may be done in various ways, some of which we mention here. 1st. Place a copy of the New Testament in their hands as soon as they can read, to be their own, as a present. Then procure for them some easy helps, such as "First Steps of Little Feet in Gospel Paths," "Bible Pictures," and for older ones, "Story of the Gospel," "Story of the Gospel and Scenes in Bible Lands," and various others by Charles Foster and others, all of which can be procured through the Bible and Colportage Board of Alabama or their colporteurs, but by all means use Sunday School Literature. We recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, T. P. Bell, D. D., Secretary, Nashville, Tenn. 3d. We most earnestly recommend that every Baptist family take and read the Alabama Baptist, because it is the state organ and the only means of knowing what our brethren are doing throughout the state. We do not discourage the reading of other denominational papers, but emphasize the recommendation to read the Alabama Baptist. Respectfully submitted,

I. M. THOMPSON, Chairman.

The committee appointed to re-district the Association made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to re-district the Association recommend the following: 1st District—All churches east of Guntersville and Gadsden turnpike road to meet at Union church on Friday before 3d Sunday in July, 1894. 2d District—Churches between Guntersville and Gadsden road and Brown's creek to meet at Rock Spring church Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1894. 3d District—

All churches west of Brown's creek to meet at Ebenezer church Friday before the 2d Sunday in July, 1894. Respectfully,

N. P. CLARK,
W. H. LYONS,
For Committee.

Heard and adopted the following report on Deceased Ministers:

We, your committee, submit the following report: That from what information we can get, through the mercies of our Heavenly Father, the lives of all the ministers of this Association have been spared through another year. We recommend that as an evidence of our appreciation of the blessings of Almighty God in sparing the lives of our ministers, that we spend a few minutes in praise and thanksgiving to Him for the same.

W. C. GOODWIN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee make the following report: We find nothing, special, calling your attention, except that there are two applicants for the next session of this body, to-wit: Shoal Creek and Bethsaida churches. We recommend that we meet with Shoal Creek. We also recommend that the letters from the churches be enrtailed and only the names of delegates and statistics be reported, as it consumes too much time in reading them.

N. P. CLARK, Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion agreed to organize a Baptist Sunday School Convention and appointed a committee as follows: J. L. Scarbrough, N. P. Clark and L. S. Emmet to appoint the time and place.

Adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock to meet again at 1:30 P. M.

The mission sermon was preached by Elder R. W. Roe in the house. Text: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16-15.

Elder W. M. Scarbrough preached in the grove to a very large audience.

Collections were taken in both audiences for missions amounting to \$7.82, and in the grove audience \$6.11 for cripple Jimmie Ragan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2 o'clock. Heard and adopted the following report on missions:

Your committee on missions beg leave to report that from all the information at our command much less has been done during the past year than any previous one in the several fields—state, home and foreign. We would urge a serious consideration of the demands of these several fields. Brethren, the spirit of missions is the spirit of the Bible. Take from the Bible the doctrine of mis-

sions and you take from it the Christ—the Bible becomes a meaningless book, the gospel a dead letter, the church a lifeless tree and our religion a myth. We need work done on Sand mountain in our own bounds. There are weak churches calling for help; communities urging us to send them the gospel. Thousands of souls are dying yearly in the Indian Territory, Mexico and the island of Cuba without the gospel. These demand our attention. Heathen lands are calling for the bread of life.

In order to prosecute the work in these several fields, we recommend that each pastor preach once a quarter on missions and take up collections for missions, and that the money be divided equally among the objects fostered. Furthermore, that the first meeting held by the church after this session be made the beginning of the quarter. We suggest that the money be sent to the secretaries of the respective boards, viz: I. T. Tichenor, Home Board, Atlanta, Ga; W. B. Crumpton, State Board, Marion, Ala; R. J. Willingham, Foreign Board, Richmond, Va. Respectfully submitted, R. W. Roe, Chairman.

Ordered that the clerk receive ten dollars and the remainder of minute fund be used in printing and distributing minutes.

Amended the 4th article of the Constitution so as to read "that each church be allowed only two delegates for the first fifty, and one for each additional fifty or fraction over half that number."

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered the church and citizens at Bethany for their kind hospitality in entertaining this body during this session of the Association.

Appointed Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October 1894, as the time for holding next session at Shoal Creek.

Ordered Articles of Faith printed in the minutes.

Called for contributions for two of our aged and infirm ministers, viz: Elder J. D. Jordan and Elder J. Y. Bain, to be paid as soon as practicable, and received promises as follows:

Albertville for J. D. Jordan	\$2.50;	for J. Y. Bain	\$2.50
Union	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Guntersville		" "	2.00
High Point	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Rock Spring	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Shoal Creek	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Mt. Vernon	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Bethsaida	" 1.00;	" "	
Pleasant Hill (Blount)		" "	1.00
Mt. Zion for	" 1.00;	" "	
Sand Mt. Signal	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Bethany	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Ebenezer	" 1.00;	" "	1.00
Total	" \$12.50;	" "	\$13.50

Association then adjourned with prayer by Elder L. M. Thompson.

R. W. Roe, Moderator.

G. M. Milner, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. E. Bagwell, Arab, Ala.	J. D. Jordan, Marshal.
W. L. Casey, Sidney.	G. M. Milner, Boaz.
S. T. Collier, Union Grove.	O. P. McDonald, Arab.
W. J. Collier, Hyatt.	M. F. Owens, Mt. Zion.
W. M. Claiburn, Friendship.	J. A. Oden, McLarty.
P. J. Corley, Grassy.	R. W. Roe, Lot.
N. C. Denham, Hyatt.	H. C. Reed, Summit.
W. S. Hopkins, Reedbrake.	M. K. Taylor, Grassy.
C. C. Hughes, Strawberry.	L. M. Teel, Friendship.
J. Y. Bain, Wyeth City.	I. M. Thompson, Union Grove.
Isaac Windsor, Boaz.	W. M. Scarbrough, Albertville.
	W. P. Grouver, Whitesville.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. W. Amos, Hvatt.	Benj. Mays, Arab.
J. M. Brown, Boaz	J. W. T. Phillips, Snead.
A. K. Casey, Sidney.	C. C. Shelton, Brooksville.
J. J. Dodd, Boaz.	W. J. Wright, Arab.
Jas. Floyd, Albertville.	Eli Maddux, Fowler.
W. J. Horton, McLarty.	M. W Barber.
J. E. McAnally, Strawberry.	Stephen Lowe.
	J. B. Nix, Strawberry.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MARSHALL ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of the Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; incomparably glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and exerting distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all men are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and, therefore, under condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness which we have done, but solely faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that immediate duty of all accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine

truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

VIII.—OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X.—OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work, that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence of power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end, that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from the superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII.—OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only Scriptural officers or Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistle to Timothy and Titus.

XIV.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and the Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to

sin and resurrection to a new life, that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED,

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation then will take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICS OF MARSHALL ASSOCIATION, 1893.

INC. BY DEC BY I SUNDAY SCHOOL.

CHURCH.	CO.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Superintendent's Name & P. O. Address.		P'p last rept'd Baptism	Letter.	Rest or t'n Letter.	Exclusi'n Death.	Present Mbmb's p Offi. & T'	Pupils.
					P'p last rept'd Baptism	Letter.						
Albertville.....	Marshall	W M Scarbrough	J A McKinney	Albertville ..	16 10 22 1 12 4 1 157 8 100	L S Emmett, Albertville	4	Yes				
Bethel.....		W S Hopkins	A N Hopkins	Bartlett ..	48 3 10 2 11 2 1 50	J S Robertson, Reedbrake	3					
Bethsaida.....		N C Denham	I F Kennaner	Warren ..	24 6 3 2 1 53	J F Roberts, Boaz	2	Yes				
Beulah.....		I M Thompson	J F Roberts	Boaz ..	52 13 11 1 9 1 1 158	Frank Miller, Marshall	3	Yes				
Blue Spring.....		X W Roe	E Cobb	Marshall ..	176 7 2 2 1 1 1 44		2	Yes				
Clear Spring.....		W J Taylor	W D Kembrough	Sydney ..	84 9 4 1 1 1 1 95							
Concord.....		W M Claburn	Z D Rain ..	Reedbrake ..	46 1 1 1 1 1 1 27							
Ebenezer.....		W M Phillips	L J Burget ..	Union Grove ..	32 6 8 14 1 102							
Gilliam Spring.....		M K Taylor	M P Colwell ..	Arab ..	66 4 3 8 3 1 64							
Guntersville.....		W G Adams	I A Saunders	Guntersville ..	23 2 2 6 3 1 19	50 S L Comer, Guntersville	4					
High Point.....		N C Denham	W A Mathews	Collier ..	13 21 23 1 1 1 1 99	J L Scarbrough, Albertville	1					
Hopewell.....		J E Rawell ..	H J Philis, S.	Sawberry ..	10 6 2 9 3 1 99							
Hulaco.....		W C Edens ..	L W Howle ..	Toppa ..	32 3 3 32							
Lystra.....		I W Bates ..	L W Haws ..	Baileyton ..	38 2 2 38							
Mt. Hebron.....		L M Neal ..	W A Phillips ..	Reedbrake ..	84 2 2 70							
Mt. Olive.....		W J Collier ..	M M Gregory ..	Guntersville ..	28 21 2 1 2 1 53							
Mt. Tabor.....		E Bagwell ..	M Black ..	Blisscoie ..	47 12 8 2 5 2 4 103							
Mt. Vernon.....		R W Roe ..	J K Bradberry ..	Albertville ..	130 16 9 5 9 1 5 151							
Mt. Zion.....		W M Scarbrough	C Duncan ..	Fenton ..	48 1 9 1 1 1 1 57							
New Canaan.....		D K Williams ..	F M Harper ..	Arab ..	21 3 3 3 27							
New Canaan.....		Morgan ..	D S Crisco ..	Getup ..	44 1 5 10							
New Friendship.....		Marshall	J S Phillips ..	Union Grove ..	61 4 5 5 61							
New Macedonia.....		"	R W Roe ..	McVille ..	27 5 5 21							
New Salem.....		"	J E Bagwell ..	Ruth ..	83 3 1 1 90							
Philippi.....		Etowah	G Fv bruce ..	Mountainboro ..	4 3 2 24							
Pleasant Grove.....		N C Denham	Stephen Lang ..	Sydney ..	58 9 4 8 63							
Pleasant Hill.....		Blount	J M Brown ..	McLarry ..	26 4 4 22							
Pleasant Hill.....		Etowah	W S Hopkins ..	Mountainboro ..	18 9 1 1 26							
Rehoboth.....		N C Denham	James Sparks ..	Guntersville ..	46 5 5 48							
Rock Spring.....		W J C liter ..	J W Hughes ..	Haught ..	124 13 2 3 186							
Roswell Creek.....		J R Nix ..	J P Barnett ..	Summit ..	19 2 2 19							
Shady Grove.....		W J Collier ..	J C Taylor ..	Mountainboro ..	61 1 1 61							
Shiloh.....		W P Groover ..	G M Miller ..	Willy esville ..	14 1 2 16							
Shoal Creek.....		W M Taylor ..	N P Clark ..	Arb ..	73 1 1 85							
Union Grove.....		"	J P Simmons ..	Albertville ..	58 20 5 9 71	60 J W H Kennedy, Arab ..	3	Yes				
Warrior Creek.....		J J Clayton ..	Mrs A E Davis ..	"	6 1 1 23	85 w w Harper, Guntersville	3	Yes				
		Cultman	R E Maze ..	Strawberry ..	31							

Names of churches organized during year: Bethel, Philippi, Union Grove. Names of churches received from other Associations: Mt. Carmel Association, warrior Creek church from warrior River Association.

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